



Montana Farmers Union 109th Annual Convention (TENTATIVE DRAFT - SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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Thursday, October 17th		Room
1-7 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-convention tour at Kalispell Creamery, Glacier Processing Cooperative, and Fritz Farm (Corn maze, pumpkin patch) • Includes farm to table dinner at Fritz Farm • \$20 add on ticket includes all of the above - please select this option while registering) 	<p>Transportation leaves Grouse Mountain Lodge at 1 p.m. Lobby/load the bus at 12:45 p.m. (limited space, 50 tickets available!)</p>
	Vendor set up. Please contact Mary Jenni about early vendor booth set up	Main Convention space

Friday, October 18th		Room
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Vendor Check-in continues	Main Convention Area
7:30 AM	MFU Annual Board Meeting	Wine Room
8:00 AM	Registration Opens	Main Convention Area
8:00 AM	Silent Auction Begins	Main Convention Area
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	<u>MFU Kids Day Camp</u> *Please register your kids 12 & under!!*	Loft Suite
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Vendor Trade Show - please visit our vendors!	Main Convention Area/Vendor Spaces
9:00 AM - 10:40 AM	<u>1st General Session</u> Official welcome, MFU Business Updates, Beef Council Report, MFU Audit, MFU Ambassador Presentation	Main Convention Area
10:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Meet your Ambassador Roundtables Refreshments, Networking Table	Main Convention Area
11:00 AM- 3 p.m.	Montana Farmer Veteran Coalition Stakeholder Annual Meeting	Wine Room (MFVC members only)
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Luncheon	Main Convention Area
1:10 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>2nd General Session</u> Election Introduction & Nominations for Delegates to 2025 National Farmers Union Convention. MFU Board Candidate Intros	Main Convention Area
2:10 PM - 3:00 PM	<u>Educational Session:</u> Regenerative Agriculture in Montana - with Kurt Myllymaki (2023 Leopold Conservation Award Winner)	Lower Glacier Room
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Break Refreshments and Vendor Trade Show	Main Convention Area
3:30 Pm - 4:20 PM	<u>Educational Session:</u> Montana Farmer Veteran Coalition	Lower Glacier Room

	Panel	
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	MFU Policy	Lower Glacier Room
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Happy Hour! No-Host Bar & Social	Main Convention Area
6:00 PM	Member Dinner	Main Convention Area
6:30 PM - 7:30PM	<u>Keynote Address:</u> Zach Ducheneaux	Main Convention Area
7:15 PM - 8:30 PM	Evening Entertainment & Dessert with Rob Quist! Join us for live music!	Main Convention Area
8:30 P.M.	Silent Auction closes for the night	Main Convention Area
8:30 PM - 10:00 PM	Evening networking and community building	Main Convention Area

Saturday, October 19th		<u>Room</u>
7:30 AM - 9:10 AM	Breakfast opens	Main Convention Area
8 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.	FUEL update, Update from FUI [Dale Bednarek Chief Executive Officer / President], discussion with FUE Presidents	Main Convention Area
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM	<u>MFU Kid's Day Camp</u> *Please register your kids 12 & under!!*	Loft Suite
8:30 AM	<u>Deadline to register in order to vote</u>	Registration desk - Main Convention Area
9:15 - 10:30 AM	<u>3rd General Session</u> Credentials, Resolutions, and Policy discussion.	Lower Glacier Room
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Break Refreshments and check out the Vendor Trade Show	Main Convention Area/Vendor Spaces
8:40 AM - 11:00 AM	Voting	Screened area in main convention space

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM	<u>Educational Session:</u> Local Food Infrastructure/Systems Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moderated by Charlie Michel, Mission West Economic Development - Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dave Prather, Western Montana Growers Cooperative - Lisa Wade-Mayorga, Glacier Processing Cooperative - Jay Stagg, Montana Farm to School - Andy Fjeseth, Montana Department of Agriculture 	Main Convention Area
11:50 AM - 1:00 PM	Youth Luncheon Awards & Honors MFU Scholarships Honoring Doris Bishop	Main Convention Area
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	<u>Educational Session:</u> Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lauren Zimmerman, MT FSA Beginning Farmer Rancher - Tyson Reese, AgWest - Britta Janssen, Farm Connect Montana - Ali Moxley, USDA Beginning Farmer and Rancher Advisory Committee Member 	Main Convention Area
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Break Refreshments and check out the Vendor Trade Show	Main Convention Area
2:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Policy	Lower Glacier Room
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	Break No-Host Bar & Social	Main Convention Area

5:00 PM	Silent Auction Closes	Main Convention Area
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	<u>Members Banquet Dinner</u> MFU President's Address, Walter Schweitzer	Main Convention Area
7-10 p.m.	<u>End of Convention/ Networking and Community Building</u>	Main Convention Area